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Hon. Gary Hotvedt, Hearing Officer
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Re: Petition for Arbitration of the Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and NOW Communications, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996
Docket No. 00-00141

Dear Mr. Hotvedt:

Pursuant to your recent request, the parties to the above-referenced arbitration hereby advise the Authority of the status of the proceeding. As was represented by BellSouth at the informal conference, BellSouth had previously provided NOW with a settlement proposal in an effort to resolve this arbitration on a region-wide basis. NOW has reviewed the proposal, and has provided a counter proposal to BellSouth. Although NOW's counter proposal is not acceptable to BellSouth, the parties are in continuing negotiations over the specifics of a potential regional agreement. The parties tentatively plan to meet this week, in a face-to-face negotiating session, in an effort to resolve the remaining issues, and, hopefully, to settle the arbitration on a region-wide basis.

Mr. Chuck Welch, counsel for NOW, has reviewed and approved this status report. We trust that the foregoing is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

Guy M. Hicks

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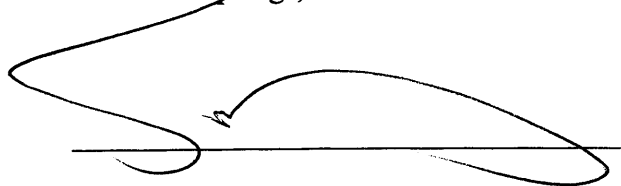
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